Venture capital in SBI for agriculture sector

† 1559. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has proposed to make a provision of venture capital worth rupees five thousand crores in State Bank of India and distribute it for development of agriculture sector for the forthcoming three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Deputation of staff in Internal Container Depot

1560. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Internal Container Depot set up at Ankleshwar in Gujarat, is non-functional for want of staff to be deputed by Customs Department;

(b) if so, whether Gujarat has represented for making it functional by deputing required staff, and

(c) if so, the Government's response thereto and by when the depot will become functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) Staff has been sanctioned to man the Inland Container Depot (ICD) set up at Ankleshwar in Gujarat and the Inland Container Depot shall start functioning with effect from 7th August, 2006.

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